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***Approval of Amendment to the Three Creeks Parkway Restoration Project #1***

<b>Project Title</b>	Three Creeks Parkway Restoration Project		
<b>Applicant</b>	American Rivers		
<b>Project Number</b>	Prop 1-Y1-2015-009	<b>Category</b>	Implementation
<b>Award Year</b>	2016	<b>Original Award Amount</b>	\$836,408.00
<b>County</b>	Contra Costa	<b>Original Funding End Date</b>	May 1, 2020
		<b>Amended Funding End Date</b>	Dec 30, 2021
<b>Amendment Request</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Term <input type="checkbox"/> Scope <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Budget		

**Recommendation to the Board**

Staff recommends the Board approve an amendment to the Three Creeks Parkway Restoration Project (#Prop 1-Y1-2015-009), awarded to American Rivers, to extend the term of the grant agreement from May 1, 2020 to December 30, 2021 and transfer \$175,000.00 from Task 5: Revegetation to Task 4: Construction.

**Amendment Description**

The proposed amendment to the Three Creeks Parkway Restoration Project will: 1) extend the term of the grant agreement, and 2) transfer funds from one task to another without changing the total award amount. The project has encountered unforeseen complications with city infrastructure and flood modeling that necessitates the time extension and transfer of funds.

Grant Term

The project has encountered challenges, including:

- Limited staff capacity in a partner agency.
- Extensive delays in reaching concurrence on an agreement with the landowner (local flood control district) – negotiations are ongoing, but nearing a resolution.
- An increase in overall project size and complexity.

These challenges have caused delays, which this amendment will accommodate by changing the funding end date from May 1, 2020 to December 30, 2021, and adopting a new Schedule and List of Deliverables.

Transfer Funding

Construction costs have increased; thus, the grantee is requesting to transfer \$175,000 from Task 5: Revegetation to Task 4: Construction. This will allow the Grantee to go out to bid this winter for a construction subcontractor and get the implementation of the project underway. The remaining funding in Task 5 will be sufficient to begin revegetation work. The remainder of the revegetation costs will be covered by cost share from other grants and other sources over the more flexible, three-year planting

timeline.

This amendment will not impact Proposition 1 program delivery, nor will it impact programmatic performance measures. The changes to this grant agreement will not affect the overall Proposition 1 budget. Extending the timeframe of this agreement will require additional staff capacity to manage the grant. Without an amendment, the construction budget will be insufficient to begin this year and the grantee will not be able to complete the project by the funding end date.

### **Project Description**

The Three Creeks Parkway Restoration Project is an implementation project with the goal of restoring the denuded Marsh Creek flood control channel to a healthy corridor of riparian habitat. To accomplish this goal, the flood control channel will be excavated to increase flood conveyance and create a floodplain bench, and then the area will be planted with native vegetation in the form of grass and forb, shrub, and tree layers. These activities will result in increased habitat for native wildlife species and improved water quality.

The Board approved \$836,409.00 for the project at the May 25, 2016 Board meeting, as part of the Conservancy's first Proposition 1 grant cycle. As originally executed, the project's start date was May 1, 2017, the funding end date is May 1, 2020, and the grant end date is May 1, 2032. Based on discussion with the Grantee, staff believes the project remains viable, ecologically significant, and can be completed within the amended budget and timeline.

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